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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director
THROUGH : Deputy Project Director
SUBJECT : Use of Indian Springs AFB as Staging Site for Overseas Deployment

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1. [Redacted] proposed informally when he was here for the Suppliers' Meeting that Indian Springs AFB might well be used as a staging area into which the C-124's would move the night before deployment, or shortly before moving in to Watertown to load aircraft and material, in order to cut down the traffic at Watertown.

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2. He proposed that these aircraft then be called up to Watertown for loading as required, rather than to all arrive in one batch, which [Redacted] felt would seriously strain the housing and messing capabilities of the Site. He then extended this proposal to include the pair of DC-6's reportedly being used to airlift the personnel of the third echelon. He also felt that there would be less of a security problem if the presumably uncleaned aircraft were not free to wander around Watertown and to observe takeoffs and landings and the general configuration of the Site for too long.

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3. I threw this on the table for consideration, since I told [Redacted] I would do. My only question is over the amount of excitement and speculation that might be raised at a sleepy little ghost Air Base like Indian Springs over the arrival and departure of such a formidable air armada as 12 large aircraft.

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